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## Education

*Government elementary and secondary schools for girls in Bellary district.*

\* 1751 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Government elementary and secondary schools for girls in the district of Bellary; and

(b) the number of men-teachers in these schools and their percentage to the total number of teachers therein?

A.—(a) The number of Government elementary schools for girls in the Bellary district is two. There is no Government Secondary School for girls in that district at present.

(b) None.

## Village Panchayats

*Alleged defects in the Village Panchayat Act.*

\* 1752 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Registrar-General of Village Panchayats has drawn the attention of Government to a number of defects in the existing Panchayat Act and, if so, when;

(b) whether the Government propose to make the required amendments in the Act;

(c) whether the Government have considered the question of increasing the clerical establishment at the central office and creating an executive staff in the districts for the work connected with panchayats; and

(d) what steps they propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) Yes; in May 1924.

(b) The amendments to be made in the Act are under consideration.

(c) & (d) The Government have sanctioned from time to time additional clerical staff for the Registrar-General's office and propose to strengthen it further by the employment of a manager and four clerks from 1st April 1928.

The Government have allowed local boards in several instances to employ an executive staff for panchayats. The necessity for an executive staff in the districts, paid by the Government, has not yet been accepted.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With reference to clause (b), will the Government be pleased to consult the members of the depressed classes before making the required amendments to the Village Panchayat Act?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I will take that into consideration."